free from any damage and hence there is no proposal under Government's consideration to make mandatory on the sweet manufacturers to write statutory warning.

Perspectives of operation Black Board

3385. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Wil! the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1933 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th, November, 1987 and state:

(a) what is the number of institutions and students benefited as a result of the implementation Of Operation Black Board and

(b) what was the total amount spent so far for implementation of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) All Primary schools run by Government, local bodies, Panchayati Raj institutions and recognised aided institutions requiring assistance under Operation Blackboard will be assisted under it on the basis of block-wise project reports to be prepared on the lines indicated in the reply to Unstarred Question No. 1933 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th November 1987. The precise number of institutions and students benefited will therefore be known only on completion of the scheme.

(b) Grants are yet to be released to States *at* the basis of their project reports which are in the process of being formulated by State Governments and sanctioned by the State Level Empowered Committees.

Running of superfast trains between Bardhaman and Howrah

3386. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the number of days during the last ten months (from lanuary, 1987 te October, 1987) on which the superfast local trains between Bardhaman and How rah reached in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): During January, 1987 to October, 1987, out of a total of 588 superfast local trains 560 trains reached their destination in time.

Railway lines in *West* Bengal

3387. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased state:

(a) what is the number of rail lines proposed to be constructed in West Bengal and the details of surveys conducted in this regard;

(h) what are the results of these surveys;

(c) what are the steps taken for laying these railway lines; and

(d) what are the reasons for the delay, if any, to complete these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAY 9 (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b)

Five new rail lines are approved for construction in West Bengal. Details and results of surveys conducted for these rail lines are as under:—

S. No. Name of Survey	Year of Survey	Length (km)	Cost as per- surve (Rs. crores)	Financial y return% as per survey
Preliminary Enginecring-cum-Traffic survey	1972	17	3-5	
2. Howrah-Amta/Champadanga				
Final Location Engin:ering-cum-Traffic Survey	1973	74	10-72	5-63
3. Eklakhi-Balurghat				
Praliminary Engmeering-rum-Traffic Survey	1982	90	42-85	(-)5- 17
4. Tamluk-Digha				
preliminary Emngineering-cum-Traflic survey	1983	87	43-72	2-53
5. Lakshmikantapur-Namkhana				
Re-appraisal of Engine ering-cum-Traffic survey	1986	47	40-90	4-4

(c) and (d) Construction work of Tamluk-Digha and Lakshmikantapur-Namkhana projects has commenced. Completion of these projects will depend on availability of resources in the coming Santragachi-Bargachia (25 km) section of Howrah-AmtalChampadanga project was opened in 1984. It has not been possible to progress the work of remaining portion of this project and of Eklakhi-Balurghat and Howrah-Sheakhala projects due to constraint of resources.

Double rail line between Katwa and Bandel

3388. SHRl SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the passengers travelling between Katwa and Bandel are facing lot of difficulties in absence of double rail line;

(b) if so, whether Government *propose* to electrify and construct a double rail line between these two stations;

(c) if so, when and the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA); (a) to (d) A techno-economic survey for augmentation of line capacity on Bandel-Katwa section of Eastern Railway is in progress. Further action will be considered when survey is completed and the report examined.

Development of Tourism in West Bengal

3389. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state the schemes taken up or proposed